to administer the R&D funds proposed to be raised from Industry has been mooted and is being examined.

Protection of small scale Industry

446. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any differences in approach on the issue of protection of the small scale sector between his Ministry and the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the areas of differences and final view on the policy towards promotion and protection of small scale sector;

(c) whether there is any change in the policy of reservation of certain items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector by providing concessional credit giving tax relief and lowering excise, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other policy measures proposed to help to promote growth of the industries in small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES)AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Some of the policy measures announced on 6th August, 1991 are being operationalised by way of Plan proposals/ schemes such as:

(i) Promoting development of infrastructure facilities in rural and backward areas.

(ii) technology upgradation

(iii) setting up of new product-cum process development centres.

(iv) promotion of Entrepreneurship by expanding the Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and strengthening of Entrepreneurial Development Institute.

(v) strengthening marketing support/ through promotion of ancillarisation and subcontracting.

Decline in export and domestic sale of Maruti Cars

447. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss suffered by Maruti Udyog during the first half of 1992 and till the end of 1992;

(b) what is the percentage of decline in the exports and domestic sale of Maruti cars during 1992 as compared to exports and domestic sales in 1991; and

(c) what are the main causes identified for the decline in exports and domestic sale and to what extent the hike in the prices of Maruti cars has contributed to the decline in sales both within and outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) does not publish half yearly results of profit and loss.

(b) Domestic sales of Maruti cars during 1992-93 have not declined as compared to 1991-92. MUL expects to export around 16,000 vehicles during 1992-93 as compared to 22,921 vehicles exported during 1991-92.

(c)The main reasons for the decline in exports are the general recession in the European market and the disintegration of the erstwhile Yugoslavia.